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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Torey Huegli, of Evansdale, Iowa, DOB: 08/11/74, pleaded guilty yesterday in U.S. District Court in Madison to possessing pseudoephedrine knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for October 12, 2005 at 1:45 p.m. Huegli faces a maximum penalty of twenty years in prison along with a three-year period of supervised release.

On March 13, 2005, Huegli was observed buying Sudafed at the Shopko Store on Mineral Point Road in Madison, Wisconsin. Huegli's behavior raised the suspicion of a Shopko employee who watched Huegli enter a car with Iowa license plates. The Shopko employee called the Madison Police Department and Huegli was subsequently arrested, along with another individual. In the vehicle, officers located 672 Sudafed tablets, coffee filters and other items commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine. Huegli admitted to the police that he knew the items he was purchasing were going to be used to manufacture methamphetamine because the person who was going to make it told him what to buy.

The charge against Huegli was the result of an investigation conducted by the

Madison Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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